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Dear Allen:

Since sending my letter of November 27th, I have received an excellent National Intelligence Digest report No. 76-59, on the outlook for East, Central and South Africa. This contains some of the information which I was asking about and I think it is an outstanding job.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

William A. M. Burden

The Honorable
Allen Dulles
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington 25, D. C.

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Dear Allan:

We are now well established here and I am sending you in this letter a few thoughts on the African situation, with particular reference to the Congo, which may be of interest to you and your colleagues.

Have your organization and Defense been doing much work recently in studying:

- (a) The type of rioting which is occurring and might occur in the various countries of Africa;
- (b) The methods adopted by various European countries involved in dealing with such riots;
- (c) The degree to which new weapons, such as some of the newer gases, might enable such difficulties to be controlled with less loss of life;
- (d) The offsetting disadvantages from a propaganda point of view of the introduction of new weapons by European countries.

I did not run into much on this, either in my briefings in your organization or at Defense. It may be that a lot of work is being done on this subject, but that it just wasn't brought to my attention. I know the Marines have a lot of practical information and training in this field, much of which I should think would be applicable to the problems of our friends in Africa. When I get back to Washington the last half of December I'll come down and talk to you about it if I may. I do think the subject has some practical importance. For example, the French Ambassador here, who has just returned from the Congo, was under the impression that the Belgians would be very badly handicapped in getting their very limited amount of Force Publique troops out to the places where insurrections were taking place, unless they had many more light aircraft (or helicopters) and landing-strips. The Belgians themselves don't seem to feel they have any particular shortage in this area, although I think it is highly likely that

The Honorable
Allan Dulles,
Central Intelligence Agency,
Washington 25, D. C.

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Barbara,

Will you kindly check with me on
this on Monday, 28 December -- State thinks
Amb. Burden will be here that week but not sure
of this. I will call them on the 28th if DCI is in
town --

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Dulles

You were inquiring about the letter you received the other day from Bill Burden. The Africa Division is working up some notes for the conversation you will have with Burden when he returns. I have also sent to the AF Division a copy of the attached follow-up note which just came in from Ambassador Burden today.

ER
JMC
FMC
10 December 1959
(DATE)